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GENEALOGY.

YEARDLEY—FLOWERDEWE—WEST.

NOTES FROM ENGLISH RECORDS IN REFERENCE TO THE YEARDLEY, FLOWERDEWE AND WEST FAMILIES. FURNISHED FROM ENGLAND AT THE INSTANCE OF MR. GRIFFIN C. CALLAHAN, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

(Continued)

Lichfield

Will of John Yerdley of the Wood, in the par. of Audeley, co. Stafford, husbandman, dated 16 June 1591.

[Abstract]

I desire to be buried in Audeley churchyard. I give to my eldest son John Yerdley 12d. To my son Rondull 12d. To my daughter Ales Meredeth 20s. To James Cooton 40s. To my wife Ales my term in a pasture called Tiddursley, & the third part of my goods. To William & Richard my younger sons, and to Elnor & Anne my daughters, the residue of my goods.

Executors. Ales my wife & William my son.

Overseers. John Yerdley my son, & Roger Sparrie.

Witness. Roger Sparrie, John Bromely.

Proved 22 September 1591.

Lichfield

Will of James Yeardley of Awdley, co. Stafford, blacksmith dated 29 August 1592.

[Abstract]

I desire to be buried in Awdeley Churchyard. I give to William & John, sons of Raphe Saxon, 6s. 8d. each. To Margaret Alger 26s. 8d.; to Raphe Noden 6s. 8d., to Thomas, son of Thomas Noden, 13s. 4d.; to William, son of Robert Vernon 6s. 8d. To the five daughters of John Bromall 6s. 8d. each. To Ales Heathe, my illegitimate daughter, 28s. To John Yardley, my illegitimate son, all my ironware in Whitchurche & Nantwiche, and a mare & cow. To Margaret & Ellene Yeardley, daughters of John Yeardley, a coffer each. I bequeath the residue of my goods to my said son John.

Executor. My said son John.

Overseers. Thomas Noden & Thomas Addams.

Witnesses. Roger Sparry, Thomas Noden.

Proved 10 October 1592.

Lichfield

Will of Rondull Yardley of Audeley, co. Stafford, yeoman, dated 24 August 1609.

[Abstract]

I desire to be buried in Audeley Churchyard. I bequeath to James Cotton, my sister's son, £6, and some household goods. To Edward Betchson, my servant, a ewe & lamb. I give the residue of my goods to Ellen my wife. I owe £5 to my brother, John Yeardley.

Executrix. Ellen my wife.

Witnesses. George Audeley, gentleman, Roger Sparrie & Margerie Piggett.

Proved 7 November 1609.

The inventory of Rondull Yardley's goods was valued by George Audeley, Roger Sparrie & William Yerdeley.

Lichfield

Will of John Yeardley of Myles Greene in the parish of Audeley, co. Stafford, husbandman, dated 11 July, 1612.

[Abstract]

I desire to be buried in Audeley churchyard. I give to my son John 12d. To my daughter Elline 12d. To my daughter Anne 12d. I bequeath the residue of my goods to Anne my wife & Ridhard my son, my said son to have no interest or title in the said goods during the life of his mother. I bequeath to John & Anne, the children of William Motter-shawe, 3s. 4d. each.

Executors. My wife Anne & my son Richard.

Overseer. Roger Sparry.

Witnesses. William Shillitoe [?] & others [unnamed.]

Proved 27 November 1612.

Lichfield

Will of Raphaell Yardley of Awcote, co. Warwick, dated 29 November 1614.

[Abstract]

I bequeath to Amye my wife all my goods and chattels whatsoever for her sole & proper use during her life, and after her death to be distributed amongst my children [unnamed] at her discretion.

Executrix. My wife Amye.

Witness. Henry Baron.

Proved 6 June 1615.

Lichfield

Will of Ellin Yardley of Woore, co. Salop, widow dated 15 May 1620.

[Abstract]

I bequeath to my niece Anne Whitmore some household goods. I

give the residue of my goods to my daughters Margery Audley. I give to my nephew Thomas Audley certain debts due to me from William Cotton, John Welch, Roger Sparrey & John Sillito, blacksmith. I make my son in law George Audley my lawful attorney to recover the said debts to the use of my said nephew, Thomas Audley.

Executor. My son in law George Audley.

Witnesses. Erasmus Rogers, Thomas Whitmore and John Hansan.

Proved 1623, July 8th.

[N. B. The calendar gives her as Ellen Yardley of Muckleston.]

Lichfield

Will of Margaret Yardley late of Audeley, now of Bowers in Staundon parish, co. Stafford, spinster, dated 15 December 1629.

[Abstract]

I give to my brother Richard Yardley 40s.; to my sister Margery Hurlebutt 40s.; to my sister Anne Garrat £6; to my sister Johane Worth £6; to my sister Elizabeth Hilditch £10 & a featherbed; to my sister Ellenor Stevenson £10; to William son of my sister Elizabeth Hilditch 5s., & to her other children 20s. between them. I give 20s. each to my brother William Yardley's children, and to his daughter Elizabeth a pot. To my sister Anne's children 5s. each. To the poor of the parish of Audeley 40s. I bequeath the residue of my goods to my brother William Yardley

Executor. My brother William Yardley.

Witnesses. Frauncis Broughton, William Lynne, Johane Machin, Ellenor Braddocke, Mary Yardley William Radhin[?]

Proved ——— [1629].

Lichfield

Will of Robert Yardley of Radford, co. Warwick, yeoman, dated 10 February 1638-9

[Abstract]

I bequeath to my wife Mary the close called Waters Close & two rooms in my dwelling house. I give to my eldest son Joshua the rest of my lands to him & his heirs forever. To my youngest daughter Margaret Yardley £10. To my son Robert Yardley £8. To the poor of Radford 5s. To the church of Radford 20s. I desire my wife to pay each of my grandchildren 12d.

Executor. Joshua Yardley.

Overseer. George Browne Esq.

Witnesses. Robert Yardley the younger, Thomas Barker.

Proved 18 November 1640.

REGISTERS OF ST. MARTIN, LUDGATE
Searched from 1539 to 1603 inclusive.

Marriages.

1570 Maye. The same day [the 28th] was married John Grene and Lewce Yearley, maid.

Baptisms.

1540-1. Februarii xvi die Edmond Erly filius Johis Erly.

1543. Augusti 24 day. Bartholomeus Erly filius Joannis Erley.

1544. October 21 day. Johannes Erly filius Johannis Erley.

1545-6. Martii. 10 day Richardus Erley filius Joannis Erley.

1547. July 23 day Rychardus Erley filius Joannis Erley.

1569-70. Andro, son of William Wynd, merchant-taylor, was christened on January 15th, Andro Yearley being one of the godfathers.

1570. 6 August, William son of Thomas Moone was christened. William Yearley was godfather.

1570. October the 22nd day was crystened Margret Yearley, the daughter of Wyllm Yearley.

1570-1. Januarii, the 25th day was chrystened Edward Yearley, the sune of Thomas Yearley.

1571. November, the 25th day was chrystened Anne Yearley, the daughter of Wyllm Yearley, clarke.

1573. June the 24th day was chrystened John Yearley, the sune of Wyllm Yearley.

1575-6. Januarii. The fyrste day was chrystened Esabeth Yearley, the daughter of Wm. Yearley, clark.

1578-9. March. The 8th day was chrystened Josue Yearley, the sune of Wyllm Yearley, clerke.

1580-1. Februarii. The vth day was chrystened Jesper Yearley, the sune of Wyllm Yearley, lawyer.

1583. November. The same day [the 4th] was chrystened Marye Yearley, the daughter of Wyllm Yearley, lawyer.

Burials.

1543

August 21 day Johon Erley.

August 29 day Edward Erley.

1546

April 2 day Eychard Erley, infant.

1547

Julii 26 day Agnes Erley, vxor.

Julii 28 day Rychardus Erley, infans.

1559-60

February the 25 day was buried

Rychard Erley, presoner of Ludgate

1583

October The xxxth day was buried Wyllm Yearley, lawyer.

1st Report

In Brown's Genesis of the United States is the following statement: Ralph Yardley citizen & merchant taylor of Bionshaw Lane, London, married first, on May the 15th 1575, Agnes Abbót; she died on Dec. 18th, 1576, & he married secondly Rhoda —.

In Hallen's London City Registers, Vol. I St. Mary Woolchurch Haw. London

Marriages

15 May 1575. Rafe Yarlle & Agnes Abbott

Burials

18 Dec. 1576. Agnes wife of Rafe Yearlie of St. Olave's in Southwark. With reference to the above, a prolonged search in Stow's Survey of London has failed to locate Bionshaw Lane, neither is any mention made of it in "An Alphabetical Index of the Streets, Squares, Lanes, &c.," contained in the Plan of the Cities of London & Westminster & Borough of Southwark engraved by John Pine Bluemantle Pursuivant at Arms. Printed 1747.

The information derived from Hallen's Registers is chiefly that at the time of his first wife's death, Ralf Yardley was living in the parish of St. Olave's Southwark, and also the fact that his marriage to Rhoda — must have taken place between 1577 and 1582, as doubtless Raphe Yardley his son was of full age by Feb. 1604.

Unfortunately the registers of St. Olave's Southwark do not begin till 1685. A search in the Exchequer Lay Subsidies for Southwark does not shew Raphe Yardley living in S. Olave's, but in A. D. 1593 he is paying taxes in S. Saviour's [see notes enclosed.]

Even if he were living in Southwark at the time of his second marriage, quite probably Rhoda — was living in some different part altogether, & the marriage would probably have been celebrated in her parish.

[Enclosed is a list of printed Registers searched in the hope of finding the marriage.]

Exch. Lay Subsidy. Surrey 186
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[A. D. 1593] Indenture dated the 21st August 35 Elizabeth concerning the collection in the Borough of Southwark of the subsidy granted

[A. D. 1593] by parliament on the 19th of February 35 Elizabeth.

St. Saviour's Parish

—————;
Ralf Yardeley ————— viij li ——— xxjs. iiijd.
—————;

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Lay Subsidy. Surrey —
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[A. D. 1598] Indenture dated the 31st of August 40 Elizabeth concerning the collection in Southwark of the subsidy granted on the

[A. D. 1597] 24th of October 39 Elizabeth.

St. Saviour's parish.

Raphe Yardley ————— viij li ————— xxjs. iiijd

Searched

Marriage Licenses issued from the Faculty Office of the Archbishop of Canterbury 1543-1869. Marriage Licences issued by the Bishop of London 1520-1828.

Marriage Licences issued by the Dean & Chapter of Westminster 1558-1699.

2nd Report

In the 1st report the efforts which have been made to ascertain the surname of Raphe Yardley's second wife, Rhoda —, were set out in detail.

With reference to the surname of Temperance, Lady Yardley, the chance of finding what family she belonged to seems very small. As her marriage took place in Virginia there is no hope of accidentally finding that recorded here. It is probable that she was a child in 1608 when according to Hotten she went to Virginia in the *Faulcon*. A careful search through the whole of his Lists of Emigrants (index) failed to shew any Temperance with a surname which might have been hers before her marriage. It does not seem possible to connect her with Sir Samuel Argall. If she had been closely related to him, his will (an abstract of which is enclosed) would surely have made some reference to her. In an article in *Notes & Queries* on the Yardley Families, written in March 1883 by C. H. E. Carmichael, is the following sentence: "Sir George Yeardeley, the husband of the fair lady from beautiful English Sussex, pictured in the Christmas number of *Our Continent* for 1882, is recorded as chosen to be Governor of Virginia 1618," &c., &c.

Notes & Queries, 6th Series, Vol. VII, p. 174.

John Pory, in a letter to Sir Dudley Carleton says: "This Sir George Yeardeley hath married my cousin German, and infinitely desires my company."

S. P. Dom. Jas. I. Vol. 103, No. 111.

With regard to Sir George Yardley's ancestry, in the extracts sent by the Merchant Taylors' Company, it is stated that on the 6th Sept. 1583, "Raffe Yearly made free Arthur Yearly." It seemed probable that Arthur might be Raffe's brother, but although Arthur's will has been found in the Commissary Court of London [abstract enclosed] it contains no family information.

Alexander Hickes' will was also looked at [note enclosed] in the hope that he might make some mention of Rauf Yardley as he made him free of the Company.

A certain John Yardley paid a yearly rent of £4 to the Merchant Taylors' Company for a messuage in Ludgate from 1554 to 1557. A search in the Lay Subsidies shews John Yardley in 1544 being taxed in the parish of St. Martin, Ludgate [note enclosed.]

In Stow's Survey of London, edited by John Strype, Book III. p. 176, is the following—

Farringdon Ward within
S. Martin's, Ludgate Hill.

A monumental inscription to the memory of William Yeardley, gentleman, and Elizabeth his wife, sometime of this parish. He died on the 28th of October 1523. She died the 20th July 1593.

This is quoted in Notes & Queries, 6th Series Vol. V. p. 377, which gives the date of Elizabeth's death as 1533. The other date, 1593, is probably a misprint.

It seems possible that a thorough search in the registers of St. Martin's Ludgate Hill, (they begin 1539) might connect Raphe, the father of Sir George, with the John Yardley who paid rent to the Merchant Taylors' Company. Unfortunately time did not permit of this clue being followed up.

Certificates of residence have been searched but have produced no information.

An abstract of the will of Richard Hinde husband of Anne Yardlye is enclosed, but gives no information.

Report.

The question as to the parentage of Temperance, wife of Sir George Yardley, is at last settled by the enclosed papers. The only clue that offered itself was the statement made by Edmund Rossingham to the Privy Council that Sir George Yardley was his uncle. Fortunately his litigation with Ralph Yardley disclosed the fact that Lady Yardley was his aunt. A further search in Chancery Proceedings produced the suit Rossingham v. Knevett & this gave the maiden name of Mrs. Rossingham & Lady Yardley. However the matter would not have been absolutely certain if Edmund Rossingham's grandmother Martha, who by the time she made her will had changed her name by a second marriage from Flowerdew to Garret, had not bequeathed her signet ring to her daughter Temperance Yardley, otherwise Flowerdew. A rough pedigree & the papers necessary to prove this are enclosed.

No success has attended the search for the parents of Ralph Yardley, merchant taylor. A pedigree copied from Harl. M. S. 1167 is enclosed. At first sight this seemed hopeful, as Ralph certainly had a brother Thomas & probably a brother Arthur. But if the pedigree is correct in stating that he married Amicia Harman that ends the matter. Also an article on the Yardley family in Notes & Queries 6th Series VII p. 212 says that the Ralph in this pedigree had a daughter named Sibella, who

married in 1598 Rowland Greisbrooke. It also states that this Ralph Yardley's will was proved at Lichfield in June 1615. Harman, Fulwood, & Greisbrooke wills at Somerset House have been examined with no result. The difficulty lies in the fact that practically all the wills of the Yardleys of Staffordshire, Warwickshire & Cheshire were proved at Lichfield. A list of 37 Yardley wills proved there is enclosed. It seems quite probable that amongst these might be the wills of some near relatives of the Ralph Yardley who is being sought for.

PEDIGREE OF YARDLEY

(Visitation of Warwickshire, 1619)

[Altered from chart form]

Thomas¹ Yardley of Gorcott Hall, Co. Warwick, married Margaret dau. of Wm. Guiton of Sutton Coldfield, Co. Warwick, and had issue: 1. John², of Gorcott Hall, son and heir, married Anne daughter of John Harman of Morehall, Co. Warwick; 2. Raphe², of Ancott, Co. Warwick, married Amicia, dau. of John Harman of Morehall; 3. Arthur²; 4. Mathew²; 5. Thomas² of Sutton Coldfield; 6. Kenelow², of Sutton Coldfield, married Anne, dau. of Bennet of Dostel, Co. Warwick; 7. Jocosa², married John Tulwood of Clayhill, Co. Warwick.

Kenelon² and Anne Yardley had issue: 1. John³, of Sutton Coldfield, son and heir in 1619, married Jane, daughter of Thos. Vincent of Thingdon, Co. Northants (and had a son Christopher⁴, aged one year in 1619); 2. Thomas³; 4. William³; 5. Margaret³ married William Corbin of Whithon, Co. Stafford.

[It has been proved that the Raphe Yardley of this pedigree was not the same man as Raphe or Ralph of London.]

PEDIGREE OF FLOWERDEW.

John¹ Flowerdew, esq. of Hathersett, Co. Norfolk, married —, and had issue: 1. Edward² Flowerdew, of Stanfield, Co. Norfolk, a Baron of the Exchequer, married Elizabeth, dau. of Wm. Foster, of Windham; 2. William², married —; 3. Edmund²; 4, etc. Other sons. William² and (—) Flowerdew had issue: 1. Anthony³, married Martha —, who married secondly, Capt. Godfrey Garret. Anthony³ and Martha Flowerdew had issue: 1. Daughter³, who married Thomas son of Sir Robert Shilton, knight; 2. Stanley³, died 1620, without issue; 3. Mary³, married Dyonis Rossingham, gent (& was mother of Edmund Rossingham); 4. Temperance³, married (1st) Sir George Yeardley, (2d) Francis West. By the first marriage she was mother of Argoll, Francis and Elizabeth Yeardley.